

## THE MEXICAN BORDER.

## Federal Troops Still Protecting The Citizens of Texas.

## A VERY SERIOUS EMBROGLIO

### Which Grows Out of a Political

Quarrel—The Cause Explained.  
The Latest Reports from

AUSTIN, TEX., Sept. 27.—From various letters and telegrams received by the Governor on the subject it appears that the trouble at Rio Grande City has been brewing for a long time. Sheriff Shelby some time ago in the course of his official duty, came in conflict with the

Mexicans who comprise a large portion of the population. Opposition to Shelby in the race for the office of sheriff worked on the race prejudices of the baser element among the Mexicans. This opposition was inflamed by the revolutionary element on the other side of the river, anxious for trouble or war, and ready for an uprising time.

Col. Cienfuegos, commander of Fort Ringgold, had to stand off 200 armed Mexicans with 135 armed men. With the Mexican crowd are two Americans who are said to have been working them up to the fighting point in order to run the Shelby party out of the county. One of these men, it is presumed, has telegraphed to the Governor that the town is quiet and in no need of rangers, and the Governor has been misinformed about the situation. The federal forces will occupy and protect the town until the Shelby party arrives.

Dispatches from Rio Grande City say: Sheriff Britt, of Cameron, and the sheriffs of Hidalgo and Zapata, whose posse make up a force of one hundred and fifty men, arrived here to-day. Our own Sheriff, Shelby, has about one hundred fighting men. Col. Clendenning has now been authorized to bring troops from Ringgold barracks, if needed. Further trouble is not probable in the face of the present display of force, and all is quiet.

A dispatch from Col. Clendenning dated Fort Ringgold, September 26, received to-day by Gen. Stanley at San Antonio says: "I have protected Sebree and others from the mob. No property has been destroyed or depredation committed in Rio Grande City. Affairs are not as bad as represented. If any real danger had existed I would have used the troops to prevent bloodshed. Posse from adjoining counties arrived yesterday and to-day."

**THE PRESBYTERY CENTENNIAL**  
The Interesting Exercises at Upper Buffalo  
this Week.

The Centennial exercises in connection with the semi-Centennary of Washington Presbytery, were held in the Presbyterian Church of Upper Buffalo, Washington county, Pa., on the 25th and 26th instants.

The church itself is situated on an elevation, commanding a wide and extended view of the surrounding country for miles—and such a country they seldom rests upon; rich in agricultural and mineral wealth, and populated with a people hospitable and generous, and withal firm in the faith of the gospel. This church is historic in its Presbyterian character and influence. Just

back of it is a grove of forest trees, where the Saints of McCurdy, one of the early ministers of the gospel, preached during the last century his famous war sermon to an audience of eight thousand persons, gathered together from a radius of one hundred and twenty miles, and where hundreds experienced those strange sensations which caused them to fall to the ground in their contortions under the effect of the gospel plainly

and pungently preached by this godly and pious man. Within sight of the church is the old homestead of William Smylie, the devoted and pious elder who, in early times, loaded a flatboat with flour and went with it to New Orleans to raise the necessary funds wherewith to cancel the obligations of the congregation in the payment of the pastor's salary, which was behind and which the people were too poor at that early

turned on foot from New Orleans through the trackless wilderness, where threatening dangers from the wily savages and ruthless robbers surrounded the daring traveler on every hand.

The following programme was followed:

TUESDAY.

1 p. m.—Opening Sermon, Rev. J. S. Pomeroy.  
Presbyterian Business.

2 p. m.—Antecedent History, Rev. W. F. Hamill.

3 p. m.—Organic History of the Presbytery, Rev. Henry Woods, D. D.  
Popular Meeting.

7 p. m.—Agency of the Presbytery in Maintaining Bible Faith and in Promoting Vital Piety, opened by Rev. W. H. Cooke, D. D.

8 p. m.—Presbytery's care of the Young in Cathedral Institutions and in Sabbath Schools, opened by Rev. J. A. Doulay.

WEDNESDAY.

8:30 a. m.—Presbyterial Business.

10:00 a. m.—Relations of the Presbytery to Edu-

11:00 a. m.—Relations of the Presbytery to Missions, with sketches of Missionaries, Rev. W. H. Lester, Jr., D. D.

2:00 p. m.—Sketches of Deceased Ministers, Rev. J. I. Brownson, D. D.

3:00 p. m.—Sketches of Deceased Elders, Rev. S. F. Grier.

Popular Meeting.

7:00 p. m.—Preaching, past and present styles contrasted, offered by Rev. J. S. Marquis.

8:00 p. m.—Review and Outlook, Rev. J. D. Moffat, D. D.

It would be in vain to attempt to convey an idea of these masterly productions, so rich in incident, reminiscence and examples, and so full of precious memory and truth. Fortunately action was taken to preserve and publish them in book form, so that the vast number in this vicinity and the remote portions of our country, and those directly and indirectly interested in them will have the benefit of them in a permanent form, for

The Presbytery after being duly constituted with prayer Rev. A. F. Alexander was unanimously elected Moderator, G. L. Crammer Clerk and Rev. J. C. Pickens Reading Clerk.

The sessions were delightfully harmonious and the entertainment of the delegates was profuse and hospitable. On Wednesday the ladies provided dinner and supper in the lecture room of the church, where the members of the Pres-

byters, strangers and visitors, were entertained with a feast of fatthings which the good ladies of this church know so well how to provide. Hundreds sat down at the laden tables and partook of the abundant provisions. The tables were served with graceful ease by the ladies of the congregation and the wants of each one were assiduously cared for and attended to.

Presbytery at the meeting of Synod, which convenes on the 18th of October next, at Erie, Pennsylvania, were Rev. W. H. Cooke, D. D. and Hon. G. L. Crammer, both of this city.

Washington Presbytery was organized in the year 1819, but a half century be-